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DANGER ALMOST OVER.

According to the predictions of officials there is little likelihood that new cases of tetanus following the injection of supposedly pure antitoxin will develop after to-day, this being the time limit usual for acute cases. According to other physicians there is still a chance that other children may be afflicted with a more latent form of the disease.

Whatever the next few days shall hold in store in this sad train of circumstances the public has apparently accepted the facts with a due appreciation of the exact relation that the tetanus bears to the diphtheria serum.

There is a general acceptance of the rule that the injection of antitoxin as a cure for diphtheria is the best known and almost the only safe remedy.

This sensible view of the matter is to be commended. The deaths from tetanus are a result of unforeseen and accidental developments in the preparation of the serum. They will not occur again in years.

Authorities claim that nothing of the kind has ever happened in this country. The chief lesson to be learned from the deaths is that only after the most rigid precautions should antitoxin be distributed to practicing physicians.

GOOD PROMISES.

St. Louis is properly thankful for the apparently new attitude which the Combine in the House of Delegates has taken toward measures affecting the New St. Louis. At the last meeting bills presented by the Board of Public Improvements were passed unanimously. Speaker Cronin is reported to have announced that the same course would be followed in the future with all bills of public improvement.

If this promise is fulfilled the work proposed at the time of the adoption of the Charter amendments will meet with no obstacles by delays in the House of Delegates. Not even the forty days allowed by the first amendment will be used to delay matters. Bills proposed for street and sewer improvement will be hastened through with all due regard to municipal needs.

With this reasonable assurance of support the Board of Public Improvements is made the center of activity. As fast as plans and specifications can be made the necessary bills for projected work should be prepared. Every legal requisite should be followed closely. A prompt recognition of public demands will see active work on the streets and sewers started over all of St. Louis next spring.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI.

When the new battleship Missouri of the United States Navy is formally launched and christened, which now seems likely to be the case in December or January, the occasion should be made a joint Missouri and World's Fair celebration.

Secretary of the Navy Long has already invited Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell, to christen the Missouri. In addition to his long years of distinguished service to the State at large, Senator Cockrell has also been an invaluable ally and co-worker in the World's Fair movement. In the person of his daughter the union of the State and of the World's Fair may well be typified. Secretary Long could emphasize this idea by specially inviting the Governor and ex-Governors of Missouri, the members of the State Legislature and the officers of the World's Fair Company to attend the launching ceremonies.

If the Missouri can be put in commission in time, she will logically constitute a splendid advertisement for the World's Fair and the World's Fair State in all foreign ports which she may visit in the line of duty. She may well be dedicated to this service at the time of her launching and christening. The suggestion is referred to the attention of the Secretary of the Navy and of the World's Fair management.

WORLD'S FAIR IN 1903.

Mr. Adolphus Busch's individual belief that the World's Fair should be postponed for at least one year need not be taken as indicating a likelihood that such postponement will be made or that the World's Fair management agrees with Mr. Busch as to the necessity.

President Francis of the World's Fair Company replies to Mr. Busch by announcing that St. Louis will be ready on time with the grounds and buildings and that with energetic missionary work in Europe the other nations will have their exhibits ready by 1903. He calls attention to the fact that the World's Fair machinery to secure prompt European co-operation has now just been set in motion and suggests that when Mr. Busch has fully learned what has been done in this field he will change his opinion as to the advisability of postponement.

President McKinley's proclamation to foreign Governments, President Roosevelt's prompt and hearty co-operation with the World's Fair workers, the activity of World's Fair representatives in Europe, the enlistment in World's Fair work of all American diplomats

and consular officials in foreign countries, will tend to arouse the outside world to a proper conception of World's Fair magnitude and to the necessity for appropriate participation. Mr. Busch has returned from Europe before these influences had time to make themselves fully felt. This may have led to an error in judgment which will be corrected by the facts soon to come into evidence.

The determination of the World's Fair Company is that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition shall be ready on schedule time, May 1, 1903. World's Fair progress to date confirms the belief that this determination will be materialized into accomplished fact. The World's Fair workers in St. Louis will have the grounds and buildings ready at the appointed hour. European interest will be aroused to the point necessary for European readiness at that same time.

STATE DEBT FIGURES.

To-day the Governor of Missouri presents to the people of the State a complete exhibit in response to the charges of discrepancies in the management of the State debt. The great labor of gathering the data concerning the long period since the Civil War was forced upon the administration by the sweeping general assertions of the Globe-Democrat. The assertions, repeated day after day with venomous spite against Missouri, were that discrepancies existed in bond payments, in interest payments and in the sinking fund.

The antics of the Globe subsequent to the first appearance of its charges are familiar. It refused to accept the invitation of the Governor and investigate the books. When Auditor Allen, at the request of the Governor, put his office force at work on the records to prepare an exhibit, the Globe and Chairman Atkins' organ both announced that no figures given out by the Auditor would be accepted unless accompanied by a certificate of outside experts. In order to silence even that perverted partisan declaration of evil intent the Auditor felt it desirable to employ outside experts. He secured the services of one of the most eminent accountants in New York, a concern known and respected by every banking-house in the United States.

Immense labor was involved in the comparison of accounts and vouchers for the old periods of slack bookkeeping just after the war. But the work is finished, and the State will be proud to learn that the experts find no evidence of actual dishonesty at any time in the State debt bookkeeping. There were a few mistakes of dealing with figures in the two Republican periods which covered the years between 1865 and 1873. That is the sum total of the "discrepancies," and these mistakes were not known to the Globe-Democrat's expert and play no part in its "tables."

In the Democratic period there are no doubts or obscurities which affect the balances.

Notwithstanding the long period and the immense sums handled in the State debt funds, the Democratic accounts show not only absolute honesty, but strict and lucid bookkeeping. In the books of the Democratic period the New York experts found no difficulty and could have furnished a final certificate in a few days. The length of time consumed in the preparation of the statement and the expert examination was caused by slackness in the bookkeeping methods of Republican Auditor Draper and his predecessors.

What the Globe-Democrat and other Republican organs will now do remains to be seen. If they were as sincere and honest as the Governor and Auditor have been in searching out the truth they would admit that the moneys of the State debt of Missouri have been disbursed with integrity and without loss to the public.

Their past suggests a less honorable course. They will probably continue to be noisy about nonexistent troubles. But their noise will be the storminess of a plumed teapot over a dying fire. Auditor Allen's report to the Governor is history. It will be a classic after the Globe-Democrat and recent teapot tempests are forgotten. It is the record of honest old Missouri in dealing with bonded obligations. And, among other things for which it will stand, the people of the State will look upon it as a monument to a notable victory of Missouri honesty over the traitorous and assassinlike attacks of a partisan bigotry with which Providence has chosen to peculiarly afflict this commonwealth.

CHOOSING COMPANY.

Democrats look with a sense of satisfaction upon the recent efforts of the so-called Public Ownership party to gain recognition. Working as allies of the Republicans, the men in charge of the Public Ownership movement in this city and State are chiefly conspicuous for their partisan attacks upon the Democratic party.

As showing the partisan policy of the self-made leaders a resolution that was introduced at the last meeting of the Public Ownership Executive Committee confirms all the claims of Democrats that the organization is purely an adjunct of Republicanism. Excise Commissioner Seibert was condemned for insisting on the rigid enforcement of the early closing order in clubs as well as saloons. After some discussion, the resolution was laid over until the next meeting.

A passage of that resolution will show the true animus of the men seeking notoriety in the Public Ownership camp. All law-abiding dramsop keepers have commended the Excise Commissioner

for his ruling. Respectable saloonkeepers have been vigorous in demanding the enforcement of the regulation.

There remain the other class of dramsop keepers and a few partisan Republican politicians to commend such a resolution as that which has been presented to the members of the Public Ownership party. If birds of a feather flock together the Executive Committee will adopt the resolution at the next meeting.

DEMOCRATIC GAIN.

Unquestionably the most significant showing of Tuesday's elections in twelve States of the Union is that of the Democratic gain of two Senators, one from Kentucky and one from Maryland, as a result of a maintenance of the true Democratic spirit and of a capable and aggressive party organization.

This gain is what has led the Globe-Democrat to announce characteristically that "yesterday's result has no particular significance in a national way" and that "the Republicans felt secure on national issues and appear to have cared very little whether or not the Democrats capture a State here and there."

The Globe is letting the Republican party down by pretending to take this view of Tuesday's elections. The loss of two Senators in an off-year is a loss of decidedly "particular significance," despite the Globe's assumed indifference.

This good news from Kentucky and Maryland much more than offsets the news of Republican victory in Nebraska, and the situation following Tuesday's elections may be contemplated with satisfaction by Democrats. The most important teaching of the general result is that the Democratic organization is sound and adequate, that the party spirit is vital and that Democratic principles capably proclaimed and presented before the people may be counted upon for victory in the congressional elections of 1902 and in the presidential elections of 1904.

KEEP MOVING.

To date there has been no decided clearing of the atmosphere from dense smoke as a result of the passage of the necessary laws and ordinances on the subject. The officials have pleaded for time, claiming that manufacturers will have to test the many kinds of apparatus before adopting any.

Needless to say, the delay is irksome, yet there seems to be a general and diligent investigation of the subject by commercial interests. City Commissioner Schumacher's announcement, that smoke issuing from railroad engines and steamboats could be declared a nuisance, has been followed with the news that the Terminal Association will use smoke consumers as soon as a suitable one may be found.

Mr. D. C. Nugent's suggestion that smoke abatement should be one of the features of the World's Fair is sensible and to the point. Unless plans go wrong St. Louis itself will be smokeless in 1903. The Fair, of course, should show the best results of wise efforts to prevent the nuisance. Active work on the part of the smoke inspectors should do much toward clearing the air this winter.

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GEORGE D. MARKHAM ENGAGED TO MISS MARY MCKITTRICK.

Mrs. Rolla Wells and Mrs. Henry S. Potter Receive—Wedding of Philip Wilson and Miss May Somerville.



MRS. PHILIP WILSON.
 Who was Miss May Somerville until last night.

Miss Mary McKittrick, daughter of Mr. Mary McKittrick, No. 203 Locust street, and sister of Messrs. Walter, Ralph, Thomas and Hugh McKittrick, and Mr. George D. Markham are receiving congratulations on their engagement, which they made known to friends yesterday. Miss McKittrick has just recently returned from a summer European trip. Nothing whatever has been said about their wedding. It will, in all likelihood, take place in January.

MRS. WELLS'S RECEPTION.

Mrs. Rolla Wells gave a large reception yesterday afternoon at the Wells residence, No. 423 Lindell boulevard, inviting all her visiting list to meet her daughter, Miss Wells, who was to have been a debutante of last season, but owing to family bereavement was prevented from making her social entry in formal fashion. She appeared at several small functions, but naturally no entertainments were given for her by her family. Consequently yesterday's reception was quite in the nature of a debut.

With Mrs. Wells's personal friends and the very large circle of acquaintances which she has made during Mr. Wells's administration as Mayor, the invitation list quite reached a thousand, and almost that many callers filled the spacious rooms from 4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Wells, in white tulle, and Miss Wells, in white chiffon, narrowly striped with white velvet, received alone, but a bevy of girls were asked to lend their assistance. They were all intimate friends of Miss Wells and belonged to a little "luncheon club" which has been in existence for some time.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

A company of Cabanne amateurs will present the "Managers of Felix Fotherstone," a comedy, on Monday evening, November 11, at Arcade Hall, in Cabanne.

Mrs. C. B. McCormack, No. 422 Westminster place, is entertaining Miss Hammond and Miss McIntyre, both of St. Paul. Mrs. McCormack will give a card party on Friday afternoon, November 8, for her guests.

Mrs. Walter B. Ver Steeg will receive on Friday afternoon, November 8, at 3 o'clock, to meet Mrs. A. Rowland Samuel, Mrs. John H. Albright, and Miss Yoe Cole.

Mr. Louis R. Tatum, formerly of St. Louis, but now a resident of Denver, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

The Committee on Exhibition of the St. Louis Museum of Fine Arts announces a private view to members of a collection of paintings by Mr. A. B. Albright, to be held this evening from 8 to 10 o'clock in the galleries of the Museum. Mr. Albright is the Chicago painter, whose country children made a stir among St. Louis art lovers when some of them were shown last autumn at a downtown art store. A pleasant and interesting fact in connection with these pictures is that some of the most attractive are studies of the artist's own children.

Mrs. Henry Meier, No. 363 Delmar boulevard, sent out cards yesterday for Friday afternoon, November 8, at 3 o'clock, to meet Mrs. A. Rowland Samuel, Mrs. John H. Albright, and Miss Yoe Cole.

Doctor and Mrs. Maurice B. Harris have returned from their wedding trip. Mrs. Harris, who was formerly Miss Florence White, will give the first of her post-nuptial receptions on Friday afternoon at No. 299 Delmar boulevard.

DANA-BROWN WEDDING.

Miss Judith Brown, youngest daughter of former Governor R. Gratz Brown, was married last night at 8:30 o'clock to Mr. Leslie Dana, in the Kirkwood Episcopal Church, the Reverend Mr. Potter officiating.

Miss Margaretta Brown, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Her other attendants were Miss Harriet Hunt White of Kirkwood, and the Misses Julia Bates and Gladys Behr of St. Louis. Miss Mary E. Lee of St. Louis, who was also to have been an attendant, was too ill to appear.

The bridegroom's attendants were: Ernest Kiplinger, William and Newton Hudson, Bernard Behr and Davis Biggs, all of St. Louis. The bride's attendants were: Miss Eno and Gladys Behr of St. Louis. Miss Mary E. Lee of St. Louis, who was also to have been an attendant, was too ill to appear.

The bride was dressed in white liberty silk, trimmed with rose point lace. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids were all dressed in white mousseline de soie and carried bouquets of roses.

There was small reception after the ceremony at the bride's home in Webster and Washington avenues, after which the young people departed for New York, from where they will spend their honeymoon. They will be gone about six weeks.

ROMANCE IN GEORGE P. MULHALL'S MARRIAGE TO MISS KERR.

Romance enters into the marriage of George P. Mulhall, the druggist at De Hodi-son station, to Miss Marie L. Kerr of Scotland, Pa., which occurred on the ranch of his cousin, Zach Mulhall, in Oklahoma. The marriage was a surprise to Mr. Mulhall's friends.

A month ago Mr. Mulhall departed on a vacation. Two weeks ago he returned with his bride. Three years ago Miss Kerr, whose father is wealthy, came to St. Louis to attend a convent. Mr. Mulhall was a position of guardian over her placed in the household of Denver. Last winter Miss Kerr, who had an ambition for the stage, appeared in a presentation at the Odéon, which she met her guardian, and when she departed for home she and Mr. Mulhall were secretly engaged. She was about twenty-three years the junior of her fiancé. They were married in Oklahoma City by Father Mulhall, and Mr. Mulhall is at home at No. 604A Suburban avenue.

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STAGE PARAGRAPHS OF THE WEEK—COMING NOVELTIES.

Jerome Sykes, the particular star of the Klaw & Erlanger Opera Company, made his debut in Baltimore, Md., in 1888, in a production of "The Mikado." From that day to this his rise to prominence has been steady. He made his first metropolitan appearance in 1891, when "The Puncturing Master" was produced in New York. In 1894 he sang a prominent role in the production of "Robin Hood" by the Bostonians, and in 1895-96 he alternated with H. C. Barnabee in that comedian's parts in the production of "The Pat Boy" in support of Lillian Russell in "An American Beauty." In the season of 1898-99 he was brought into great prominence by his singing of the role of Foxy Quiller in "The Highwayman," which he quickly developed into a part of sufficient importance to be made the central figure of an opera. This has now appearing this year as a star—"Foxy Quiller," which will be the attraction at the Olympic next week.

At the Germania Theater the Heilmann-Webb stock company appeared in "Jugendfreunde," the Fulda comedy, last evening. On next Sunday evening the folk play, "Die Geyer-Wally," is to be presented.

The entertainment at the Germania Theater on Tuesday evening last was the first of a series of entertaining plays to be given by Guy Lindley and his pupils at this playhouse during the season. A fashionable audience was in attendance and the programme was happily selected. The performance opened with the one-act drama by Jerome K. Jerome, "Chaos," in which Miss Evelyn Fricks displayed emotional ability and Miss Mary Murray an admirable feeling for comedy. "Chaos," the three-act comedy drama by T. W. Robertson, followed. Mr. Lindley playing the leading role, George D'Alroy. Miss Minnie Nye was an attractive Esther and Miss Emily Woods a sprightly and amusing Polly. Joseph Solari gave a good characterization of Captain Hawtree and Edward Wilson was an excellent Eccles. Miss Florence Barrett was entertaining as the Marquise du St. Maur and Israel Friedkin pleased as Sam Geridge.

Emily Lytton and company in an original sketch called "A Perfect Lady" top the current bill at the Columbia. Kara introduces very difficult juggling, and Weston and Yoe and Law Hawkins amuse with talking and singing tunes. Others on the bill are Mme. Emmy and her trained terriers; Flora Adler, solo-comer; Beasly and LaVelle, bicycle experts; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deave and their marionettes; Benny Yanger, bag pumper; Wills and Harrow, sketch artists, and Clark and Whitely, black-face entertainers. Coming to the Columbia next week are McIntyre and Heath, Joe Welch, the Eight Galling Guards, W. C. Fields, Ellanor, Mrs. P. S. Serrano, Mrs. M. Serrano and Engleton, Aglio Trio, Mack and Elliot, Seamon and Monti, Leonzo and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shaw.

Terry McGovern will begin his engagement at the Imperial Sunday in "The Road to Ruin." The play tells a story of New York life, and at each performance a special sparring exhibition will be given. "When London Sleeps," the drama now on view, outlines a stirring narrative. One situation is a difficult slack wire walking act over telephone poles.

Primrose and Buckwheat, the "always smiling" minstrel men, are giving fast performances at the Century. Their dialogues are full of ready wit, combined with action, and no time is lost in the telling of jokes. Ward and Voke will be seen here next Sunday evening.

The Big Sensation Burlesquers will succeed Phil Sheridan's New City Sports burlesquers, now at the Standard. Sheridan's company are giving some funny sketches and an olio of novelties. The basket ball contest is an unique turn.

"Across the Pacific," which comes to Havlin's with the matinee next Sunday, has a number of claims on public esteem. Harry Clay Blaney, the character comedian, is still at the head of the company. Nelly McHenry is giving an excellent revival of "Mills" this week.

"Put Me Off at Buffalo," the uncommon title of the piece next to be seen at the Grand Opera-house, is announced as one of the funniest of recent musical farces. Fisher and Curry